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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Original claims 1-24 were replaced during Chapter II proceedings in a letter dated 9 June 1999 with claims 1-26. Please cancel original claims 1-24, amend amended claims 4, 5-7, 9, 1/1-20, 22 and 26, cancel amended claim I and add new claim 21 as follows:

Cancel amended claim 1: